

Wapello County

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Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

Promote Healthy Behaviors

Problems/Needs:

- Lack of resources (financial and people) to address substance abuse and mental health needs in Wapello County.

Prevent Injuries

Problems/Needs:

None identified

Protect Against Environmental Hazards

Problems/Needs:

None identified

Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

Problems/Needs:

None identified

Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

Problems/Needs:

None identified

Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure

Problems/Needs:

None identified

Community Health Improvement Plan

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
<p>Improve access to comprehensive, quality health care services for all Wapello County residents. Wapello County only has 2 Psychiatrists, no child Psychiatrists, four interns ready to retire in the next 5 years. There are no walk-in clinics for non-emergent care on a daily basis. Wapello County would like to see at minimum all of the retiring internists replaced and an increase number of psychiatrists and a child psychiatrist within the county.</p>	<p>Develop a community working group that will define and keep the community moving towards goals of recruiting and retaining health care providers. The group will include but may have more, private and public business and health providers.</p>	<p>Wapello County Public Health, American Home Finding, Ottumwa Regional Health Center, Healthy Community Group.</p>	<p>December 2011</p>
	<p>Develop a long term comprehensive plan with three distinct parts. A. Recruitment of Wapello County student to want to enter secondary education with an emphasis on nurse practitioner, doctor or psychologists. B. Set up an educational loan to support that student through their education. C. Set up contracts for student to return to our community and commit to ten years of services or has to repay the loan that was given for the education based on the lack of years of service.</p>	<p>Wapello County Public Health, private business, Healthy Community Group, and the Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation</p>	<p>December 2012</p>
	<p>The work group will meet with legislators annually and more frequently to change policies related to reimbursement and lessening requirements for ordering entity of medical care in home care. (Only doctors may sign home care orders, not nurse practitioners.)</p>	<p>Healthy Community Group</p>	<p>December 2011</p>
	<p>Develop alternative care for individuals that need an appointment now without sending those individual to the emergency room for non emergent care.</p>	<p>Healthy Community Group</p>	<p>December 2014</p>

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Reduce the percent of children that use illegal drug within the last thirty days by 1% for Wapello County. Currently at 10.7% from the Iowa Youth Survey 2008.	Develop a community education and outreach campaign.	Southern Iowa Mental Health, SIEDA, Ottumwa Substance Abuse Task Force, ORHC, CPC	December 2012
	Develop a youth oriented evidence based support group for co-occurring diagnosis.	Southern Iowa Mental Health, SIEDA, , Ottumwa Substance Abuse Task Force, Department of Human Services, ORHC, CPC	December 2013